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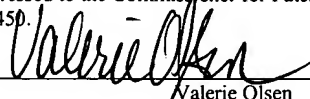
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Title: DIPEPTIDE PHENYL ETHERS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of January 19, 2005. A response is due by February 22, 2005.

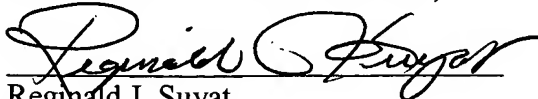
Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-21, 25 and 26, directed to compounds of the Formula I. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants further elect the species disclosed on page 32, lines 3-4 wherein, referring to Formula I in claim 1, X=S; Z=NH; Y₂=O; Y₁=O; R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄=H; --- is absent; A=O; B=p-phenyl; C₁=-NH-CH(CO₂CH₃)-CH₂-; and C₂=the amino acid histidine bonded through the carboxyl end. The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-4, 6, 8, 9, 15-21, 25 and 26.

This election is made without traverse.

Dated: February 22, 2005

Respectfully submitted,
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